GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CROSS BORDER TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether pressure is being mounted on Pakistan by US, Russia, UK, France and European Union to stop cross-border terrorism; and

(b)if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a)&(b) Members of the international community openly acknowledge Pakistan`s state sponsorship of cross border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India, and have also expressed concern at the impact this has on the security of our country and the region. This concern is reflected in the international media coverage on Pakistan, and in statements issued by official spokesmen of several Governments. The Government of Pakistan has also been called upon to crack down on terrorist groups located in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied territories.

The international community is fully aware of the dangerous fillip provided to global terrorism by Pakistan`s policies and support for groups subscribing to violent and obscurantist ideologies. Pakistan, along with the Taliban controlled territories in Afghanistan are now identified as the new centres of global terrorism.